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Minden spends on gate system

Plans for Pan Am money to go to improving facilities fall by the wayside

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 Minden Hills provided for the 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Games has been used for a new whitewater gate system and other course improvements at the Minden Wildwater Preserve.

However, discussions before the township signed a joinder agreement with the Pan Am organization in January 2012 had indicated that Minden Hills's contribution would go toward improvements on the township property at the facility, including upgraded washrooms, pathways and parking.

"That is my recollection of the conversation I held with council and the objectives council and I had for the improvements," former community services director Rick Cox told the paper. "In the discussions I recall with the project team from Pan Am, I was pretty consistent with the message that the township's money needed to be spent on the township's side of the river."

Cox resigned from Minden Hills in August of 2012 and is now director of parks and recreation for the Town of Tillsonburg.

The township's contribution was coupled with another \$184,000 from the federal

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Football's back

Red Hawks senior football player Mac Rider runs the ball in a drill during a practice in the first week of school back from summer holidays on Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. **Darren Lum Staff**

Mischief charges follow multiple phony 911 calls

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A trail of false tips has finally come to an end as local police say they've caught a man who has been causing mischief in Haliburton County for over a year.

On Sept. 6, OPP officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment responded to a 911 call made from a payphone reporting two men with guns near Highlands Cinema in Kinmount.

After an investigation they were unable to find anyone carrying firearms in the area.

"Obviously, when we get those calls we send everybody out," said Const. Paul Potter of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment. "You're thinking the worst."

Later that same night, OPP received a similar call from a Minden payphone, reporting a man with a gun at the Dominion Hotel. Police responded and found that no one was carrying a firearm.

Following this OPP found and charged a 34-year-old Minden Hills man with 11 counts of mischief and one count of uttering threats.

The accused is the same man involved in an ongoing investigation by the OPP that stemmed from prank calls taking place over the past year, said Potter.

"This is our person, that's why there are so many charges," he said.

Potter did not divulge details on how the man was located, as the matter was before the courts, but credited "good investigative work."

Earlier this year the OPP was looking for help from the public in an investigation involving prank calls.

On June 24 the criminal investigations

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\$284,000 spent on gate, whitewater upgrades

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government and Whitewater Ontario.

A Jan. 4, 2012 report from Cox to Minden Hills council reads as follows:

“It is my understanding that enacting a joinder agreement commits the township to meeting the partner’s share commitment of 44 per cent towards the cost of capital upgrades that would be owned and operated by the municipality after the games.”

The communications department for the Pan Am Games confirmed that the total of \$284,000 was spent on the installation of a new semi-permanent canoe/kayak gate system and other improvements to the whitewater course itself.


The *Times* sent an email to Reeve Barb Reid asking what had happened to the initial plan set out by Cox and received a response from chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard.

Blanchard’s email read that the Pan Am Games organization had released a tender for a gate system including high-tension cable and the installation of masts, where other supports were not available, as well as the rebuilding of part of a precast wall below the dam, which increases the velocity of the water. “Given the anticipated attendance of approximately 500 people, the venue will require more washrooms than currently available at the site,” Blanchard’s email read.


The washroom at the observation area is a dual outhouse




Chad Ingram Staff



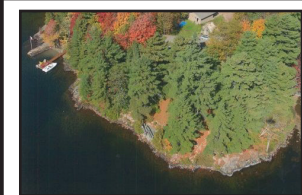
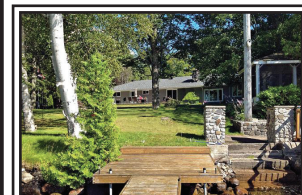




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Funding from Minden Hills township in the amount of \$100,000 was put toward a semi-permanent kayak gate system at the Minden Wildwater Preserve.

facility and it has been recommended that portable toilets be brought in for the event.

“A transit system (busing) is also being planned, which will alleviate some of the need for parking at the venue,” Blanchard’s email read.

The paper requested but did not receive a copy of the actual joinder agreement. When the paper asked the Pan Am organization what had happened to initial plans, its communications department referred the paper back to the township

Stouffville resident Jon McPhee is a paddler who regularly travels to Minden to use the preserve.

McPhee believes the Pan Am organization has been self-serving with the funding and lamented it was not used to improve the township-owned portion of site.

“This is a very poorly under utilized tourist attraction within the township - pretty spot, dancing white-water, free entertainment, good swimming both above and below -

and the township ignores it,” McPhee said.

“The parking lot is washing into the river, the toilets usually are beyond disgusting, the walkway is a narrow strip on the outside of a curve between the road and a guard-rail, there are not picnic tables, benches or amenities for the public. It could easily be so much better.”

“

This is a very poorly under utilized tourist attraction within the township ... and the township ignores it.


— Paddler Jon McPhee

Driver caught speeding at twice limit

On Monday, Sept. 8, at approximately 7 p.m., a fast acting officer from the Ontario Provincial Police Haliburton Highlands Detachment was conducting radar enforcement on Highway 35 and Red Umbrella Road in the Township of Minden Hills.

The officer observed a black Ferrari California travelling south at an extremely high rate of speed.

The officer clocked the sports car at an astonishing 175 km/h, which is greater than twice the posted limit in that area.



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The driver’s licence was suspended for seven days on the spot and his vehicle was transported at a much more reasonable speed on the back of a tow truck to a local facility where it will be impounded for seven days.

The man is scheduled to appear in provincial offences court on Oct. 2 in Minden to answer to the charge.

84-year-old charged with stunt driving on Hwy 35

On Saturday, Sept. 6, at approximately 2 p.m. an officer from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was conducting traffic enforcement on Highway 35 in the Township of Minden Hills.

The officer observed a southbound silver Cadillac passing several vehicles at a high rate of speed.

The officer clocked the speeding vehicle at 135 km/h.

The vehicle was eventually stopped and as a result a 84-year-old man from Toronto has been charged with Stunting - 135 km/h in a posted 80 km/h zone under section 172(1) of the Highway Traffic Act.

The man also had his driver's licence suspended and his vehicle impounded both for a period of seven days.

He is scheduled to appear in provincial offences court on Oct. 2 in Minden to answer to the charge.



Happy 100, Ona

Hyland Crest activity aide Vicki Colicchia celebrates with Ona Cockburn, who turned 100 on Aug. 23. Cockburn lives in the long-term care home in Minden **Darren Lum** Staff

Audit compares Minden Hills with neighbours

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

As part of its 2013 audit by firm KPMG, Minden Hills received a comparative analysis stacking its financial numbers up against those of some similar communities within the province.

The township sat somewhere in the middle of the proverbial road on most indicators.

The analysis looked at 11 other lower-tier municipalities within a county system with a similar number of households and a high proportion of seasonal residents.

Of the sample group, North Kawartha has the fewest households at 3,868 and Rideau Lakes the most at 7,539.

Minden Hills has the sixth largest household count at 6,020.

The county's other townships - Highlands East, Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al - were also included in the study and have household counts of 4,374, 4,486 and 7,339, respectively.

For 2013, the average Minden Hills household paid \$905 of residential tax at the lower-tier level at \$519 at the upper-tier level.

The average factored in both waterfront and non-waterfront properties.

In Algonquin Highlands those figures were \$797 at the lower-tier level and \$537 at the upper-tier level, in Highlands East, \$886 at the lower-tier and \$368 at the upper-tier and in Dysart et al, \$650 at the lower-tier and \$583 at the upper-tier level.

The county's four townships had the four lowest residential taxation amounts in the sample group.

Taxes receivable as a portion of the total levy were at 21.8 per cent for Minden Hills, 22 per cent for Dysart, 28.6 for Algonquin Highlands and 31.3 per cent for Highlands East.

On the low end was Trent Lakes at 15.5

per cent and on the high end was Ramara at 45.7 per cent.

Debt per household showed Minden Hills at \$18, Algonquin Highlands at \$92, Dysart et al at \$173.

Ramara had the highest amount of debt per household in the group at \$1,914.

Looking at the reserve position of each township on a per household basis, Minden Hills showed \$890, Algonquin Highlands \$428 and Dysart et al \$320.

General government costs per household were \$207 in Minden Hills, \$174 in Algonquin Highlands \$165 in Highlands East and \$115 in Dysart et al.

The highest in the group was The Blue Mountains at \$415.

Dysart was the lowest.

Fire costs per household were \$48 in Minden Hills, \$50 in Dysart et al, \$106 in Highlands East and \$129 in Algonquin Highlands.

The highest in the group was The Blue Mountains at \$159. Minden Hills was the lowest.

Road maintenance costs, based on per-lane kilometres, were \$2,866 in Minden Hills, \$2,769 in Highlands East, \$3,447 in Dysart et al and \$4,385 in Algonquin Highlands.

The highest in the group was Trent Lakes at \$7,963, the lowest was North Bruce Peninsula at \$1,278.

Recreation and cultural costs for Minden Hills were \$214 per household, \$170 per household in Algonquin Highlands, \$169 in Highlands East and \$132 in Dysart et al.

The highest in the group was The Blue Mountains at \$327 and the lowest was Trent Lakes at \$46.

In Minden Hills, user fees covered 23 per cent of cultural and recreational costs, in Algonquin Highlands 48, in Dysart et al 14.2 and in Highlands East eight per cent.



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Back to school

Five-year-old Vannah Goodrich Sullivan reacts to a question after painting in the first week of school on Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. The senior kindergarten student will have more company when the entire class comes together this week. There are 26 junior kindergarten and seven kindergarten students.

Photos by Darren Lum



Crayons and markers sit ready for Archie Stouffer Elementary School kindergarten students the first week of school.



Five-year-old Jayden Johnson plays in the sandbox.



Five-year-old Payton McCrae plays with construction blocks in the first week of school on Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.



Three-year-old Gabriel Loney works out an alphabet activity in the first week of school.

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Don and Pat Maulson sit with their dog statues on the steps of their Minden home. The retired couple from St. Catharines first started dressing their dogs in 2004. At first it was a joke and has continued ever since, corresponding to holidays and specific periods of the year. **Darren Lum** Staff

For every season there is a costume

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The past few weeks it's been back to school for more than children, as Minden's downtown dogs in front of a quaint home on Water Street have been sporting backpacks and hats, resembling students on their way to school.

Since 2004, Pat and Don Maulson have been dressing their dogs according to the season and holiday, whether in hunting garb or fitted with water tubes like the hundreds who float down Gull River in the summer.

The Maulsons are the kind of people you can't help but smile around; they are quick to laugh with bright smiles and eyes to match.

They giggle like children, speaking about how it started and kept going all these years. "It started as a joke," Pat said, smiling and sitting in her Cane Queen fanback chair.

They can't remember the first one they did, but it doesn't look like they're about to stop any time soon.

"I was just doing it for fun. It was just a

fun, silly thing to do and I just liked it," she said. Children were the most responsive, she recalls.

Although it was never about the response, they have always appreciated the positive feedback and suggestions.

"I was getting so much response, especially at first from children and young people who lived in the area," she said. "There was one little girl who lived down the way ... she'd go by and if a hat [on the dog] was crooked she'd go over [and straighten it]."

It started to get around town that Pat was known as the "dog lady" and a local store they regularly visited for props and various articles would set aside things for the dogs.

"It just started to snowball," she said.

People she doesn't even know have come to her to donate things for the dogs.

Pat, an artist, first came to the Highlands attending art courses at the Haliburton School of the Arts close to 25 years ago.

After staying a few times a year at Chateau Woodlands on Kashagawigamog Lake in the summer they retired and stayed there a few summers before Don came up with the idea to live year-round despite Pat's initial misgivings because of her Barrie

upbringing.

Eventually she warmed to the idea and they looked around and discovered their home in Minden on Water Street, facing the Gull River near the walking bridge.

When the dogs aren't clothed with anything people let her know.

One time she didn't have time to replace articles taken from the dogs so a friend called her, letting her know the dogs were "naked."

The Maulsons are amazed how closely people pay attention to their dogs throughout the year.

Out of the many they have done over the years, the couple look forward to putting the water flotation tubes on the dogs.

"Because that's part of Minden, floating down the river," Don said.

When Canadian Tire was being built Pat said the dogs wore small construction hats and vests. During hunting season the dogs will wear orange and various other articles connected to hunting. The dogs have been dressed for a variety of holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, special days such as Mother's Day, Father's Day and times of the year like back to school.

"We have people who say, 'we go out of our way to walk home that way so we'll see what you have on the dogs,'" she said.

When dogs unfamiliar with the statues go by it is amazing.

"They'll look at the dogs and growl. It's really quite delightful," she said.

As the dogs get used to them, they'll eventually pass them by without stopping.

Among the more unusual requests she's received was to dress the dogs as ballerinas from a little girl. Generally, fitting the dogs is the greatest challenge, Pat said.

"You have to adjust it because they're not humans ... contrary to popular belief," she said, laughing. "And they don't move. You can't say, pull in your stomach."

Pat said she uses a lot of string, securing the articles to the dogs.

Minden seems to be the perfect place for this to happen, they both said.

During the summer, particularly with people visiting the area, the Maulsons initially thought the articles would be damaged or stolen, but the couple has been impressed in all the years nothing was ever taken. "That's Minden. I think that's Minden," he said.

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Kayak gate

NEXT SPRING, dozens of international-level athletes will float into Minden Hills to battle the rapids at the Minden Wildwater Preserve as part of the 2015 Pan Am Games.

Providing a venue for the event's whitewater competition will be a fine feather in the township's proverbial cap, strengthen the preserve's padding portfolio and the hundreds of spectators expected to descend upon the community will undoubtedly have positive effects for area businesses, eateries and accommodators.

However, when conversations about hosting the games began around the Minden Hills council table years ago, the plan was for the township to benefit in other ways as well, with some capital projects.

In early 2012, Minden Hills township signed a joinder agreement with the Pan Am organization.

The township contributed \$100,000 as part of said agreement, with the remainder of a total of \$284,000 in project costs borne by the feds and Whitewater Ontario.

Discussions around the council table and reports from then-community services director Rick Cox had indicated that at least part of the money was to be used for improvements to municipally owned property at the site, including upgraded parking,

pathways and washrooms.

Cox resigned from the township in August of 2012 and instead of upgraded township infrastructure, the Pan Am organization has confirmed Minden Hills's money was spent as part of a \$284,000 project that included the installation of a semi-permanent kayak gate system and other improvements to the course itself.

While this may be great news for paddlers, it's unfortunate for others.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

Unless there is a drastic spike in the number of local whitewater enthusiasts, which seems severely unlikely given the area's demographics, Minden Hills residents have spent \$100,000 on equipment that most of them will never use.

Anyone who's been to the preserve knows it's a lovely spot, scenic

and serene. One certainly doesn't need to be a competitive paddler to enjoy it and it's not uncommon to see photographers and painters capturing its imagery, or people just sitting on the rocks enjoying the scenery and the sound of the water.

Minden Hills's money should have been spent in a way that all could enjoy.

It is wonderful that the Pan Am Games are coming to the community. But for residents whose tax dollars were put toward the project, it would have been nice if its legacy was something more than memories and some wires.

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"I JUST LOVE THE CLASSICS: MOBARK, BARKHOVEN, SCHUBARK, TCHBARKOVSKY, BARKOK..."

letters to the editor

Keep Stouffer Street out of the equation

To the Editor,

Further to all the recent talk about the townships housing feasibility study and the repeated use of the "Stouffer Street property". I would prefer that you start referring to it as the "arena property"! Sure, looking at Minden on any map puts it square at the end of Stouffer Street but I doubt any one resident living Stouffer or Invergordon are about to settle for all the negative impacts that this type of development brings with it let alone carving a new section of road through the forested area at the end of Stouffer.

Having said this, it will be like sending all the residents of Minden who lived north of the Gull River home via the Scotch Line Road during the flood when the bridge was closed. Are we preparing once again to send all the residents of this proposed location well out of their way to get "home" when a quick access to this site is off Parkside Street and the arena lot! Anyone looking at that same map I spoke of earlier can clearly see that that would be ridiculous!

Also ridiculous is putting a housing unit "on stilts" (Ingram, *Location Location Location*, Sept. 2) for the Prince Street property. Proper flood planning and site preparation would make this site ideal.

Also ideal is the old variety store site as discussed by Mr. McCauley (*Questionable property location*, Aug. 26) located at 65 Bobcaygeon but including the lot right next to that, where the old IGA sat. The only thing that stands there now, and for years, is the old "63 Main Street" sign, but it sure is nice and high and dry!

So, before we consider destroying the Stouffer Street reputation and sending hundreds of more vehicles to it, maybe we can work on simple things like how to get our residents into it past that parking nightmare on Invergordon that for the most part, leaves Invergordon cut down to only one lane! Barely...

Rob Orlowski
Minden

Gall blamed in MHCC's demise

To the Editor,
Re "Too late for Gall"

I agree with the text of the letter to the editor written by Autumn Robinson, and would add the following.

The demise of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre sits squarely on the shoulders of Councillor Gall, Reeve Reid and The Dream Team.

The reeve's plan to turn the MHCC into a "cash cow" has failed miserably. Obviously Councillor Gall who was in charge of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee delivered ill suited and ill timed recommendations to Minden Hills council re the cultural

centre.

The withdrawal of long time members to MHCC, the removal of support from seasoned volunteers, the lack of revenue generated from paid visitations and memberships, and the overall apathy towards the MHCC, indicates that the individual needs and differences of the Minden community, the county, the province and beyond are not being addressed.

In 2007, from April 22 to December 31, the MHCC had 3,000 visitors. In 2008, 2009, 2010, thousands more visited the sustainable build-

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points of view

Talking to dogs

AN INTERESTING STUDY came out the other day regarding dogs and how we communicate with them – which in my case is usually with the simple sentence, “Hey, knuckle-head, get off the couch!”

The study confirmed what most dog owners know: dogs couldn’t care less about verbal praise.

In particular, the study revealed that when it comes to praise, dogs are only interested in petting. It’s all about the food, the pat on the head, the tummy rub or the scratch behind the ears.

In that sense, they are not all that much different than most males.

Words are simply ineffective and of no value to a dog. In fact, the research discovered that it’s the equivalent of not speaking to a dog at all.

This means a sentence like, “Oh what a good boy!” literally means nothing to a dog.

This is excellent news for dog owners.

Never again will I be caught in the embarrassing predicament of saying something like, “Oh who’s a good girl? Callie is a good girl! Who’s a good girl? That’s you! Yes it is! Yes it is!”

Instead, I will simply pat her on the head and be done with it.

Well, almost...

I will always be saddled with the afterthought, “Why am I praising a dog for returning the sock she stole?”

Still, it seems odd not to verbally praise a dog. And, frankly, I’m a little upset that my dogs never let me in on this before I wrote all that sappy poetry. Instead, they just sat there and let me recite it like an idiot, knowing full well they wouldn’t appreciate it at all.

Which is a real disappointment too – do you know how hard it is to find something that rhymes with Labra-

dor?

This is why, regardless of what that study says, I’m still going heavy on the verbal praise for my dogs, on the rare occasions when they merit it.

Frankly, it’s not about them anymore. It’s about me. I simply like the illusion that dogs give when you speak to them. Whether or not it is white noise to them is irrelevant.

What is relevant is that they appear to be giving you their undivided attention – at least until the time when they give that to their nether region.

That’s when the conversation ought to end.

Besides, a dog is one of the few intelligent sentient beings you can still talk to who doesn’t tune out of the conversation periodically to answer a text message.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

All that is worth something in my books.

But I will concede this information is worrisome too, in that it finally confirmed what I suspected all along: when I talk to my dogs, I’m essentially talking to myself.

I had always suspected I talk to myself – in fact, I was saying that to me just last week. But this recent study removes all doubt.

It is for reasons like this that I sometimes wish science would keep its big mouth shut.

There is truly no useful purpose to this research at all. Sure, some people will say that it helps us understand dogs more. But I ask you, can you really understand a creature who would sprint 500 yards out of its way to roll in a dead skunk?

I don’t think so.

Which reminds me, I need to praise them for not doing that this year.

So many shades of green

SMELLS GOOD TO ME, says The Brown Dog Jiggs, nose twitching, sniffing out the news of a soft September morning.

Can his nose sort out all the shades of green as he stands, straining against his years, on the stoop outside the cabin that is his home on Sapsucker Ridge?

The American poet James Russell Lowell can have his swoon with June for, “if ever, come perfect days,” they arrive in September on the cusp of autumn.

If ever I were elected to anything, the first item on my agenda would be to order that September be stretched from, say, May Day to Thanksgiving. In this case, the American Thanksgiving, just to make perfection last a little longer.

But, of course, that wouldn’t work, for September is Nature’s version of a Fall Fair, a time to show off what it has wrought, what it took all those spring and summer months to grow.

A last flourish of green before the leaves begin their turning and the old fields wither into brown. On the edges, the roadsides and the shores, the turning has already begun, a sneak preview for the leaf-peepers.

On the stoop, Jiggs sniffs on, my hand on his shoulder. The sun hurls bolts of brightness through the greenery, barber-poling tree trunks

with spirals of dark and light.

The Brown Dog is off an age that disdains descent down steps. “That’ll do,” I tell him, proposing a climb-down. “Yes, it will,” he says. “Where I am right now will do just fine.”

In a not-so-distant pit, a dump truck howls its backup alarm. A loader scoops and dumps, gravel clatters, gears shift, the rumble of a day’s work. Sound carries, trucks on the bypass or on Deep Bay Road, a chainsaw on the far side of Big Bob Lake...

The light catches the tree tops, turns them golden, stark against the perfect blue of a September sky. In the shade, the morning forest is somber, keeping its secrets to itself.

Jiggs sniffs on. Periwinkle is being allowed to invade my lawn. Its deep shiny green overwhelms the pale green of grass. There is a gunshot in the distance.

“Down the steps, Jiggs. Here, let me give you a hand!” Jiggs curls his paws over an edge, then stumbles down the steps, stays on his feet. We start out together to inspect the morning.

A gaggle of gossiping geese passes overhead, a score of them in full

gabble, their V pointed to the east, toward Nine-Acre Pond, their call and response an uninterrupted conversation.



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

The Brown Dog rubs his muzzle against my knee, pets himself, invites a caress. Then he looks up at me. The geese out of hearing now, a blue jay shrieks in the silence.

Asters splotch the edges of the main bush road in purple. Purple and lavender, the colours of late summer. I step over fresh bear droppings; Jiggs gives them his sniff of approval.

Now west to the sugar shack. To the northwest, Otter Bay and Goose Pond are shrouded in a thin gauze of morning mist, drifting in the start of day, melting away in the light.

Pond weed is almost gray in the shadows. Skeletons of trees drowned by some beaver’s ambition stand beyond a dam, ghosts of an old forest.

Beyond, a forest still living climbs out of the bottomland, in shades of green, leaves once bright with spring, now aged into darkness. Here and there, soft maples red before their time, rumours of autumn.

Before their time? On the edges, the trees get more light, drink up all the sunshine they can hold, then settle in early for a long winter’s nap. No science there, just uninformed theory.

Spring may be fresh with hope, but summer dulls our senses. September brings us back to life, re-energizes us, its perfect days rushing us to get things done before it’s too late.

The sun climbs through the day. Shadows of trees reach out across the cabin clearing, across the unmown grass, poke into the periwinkle. A moth flits from darkness into light.

Just before dusk, Nature mounts a spectacular finish to the day, mirrors the tree line in Nine-Acre Pond, the reflections upside down, shimmering in the water.

Two Jims, the poet Lowell and the saxophonist Dorsey, dwelling on June. Jimmy’s band: “Give me a June night, the moonlight, and you.”

You can have June, if you want it. I’ll take September, and moonlight and you, any day. You and me and Jiggs. We’ll walk out to the road together to see if it’s still there.

Under a full moon, just like last night.

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Signs are there if you look for them



Marci Mandel
The Gift of the
White Trail

There is a story I love about an old, pious man who hears on the radio that a flood is coming.

His neighbours knock on his door and ask if he would like help getting to safety.

"No thank you," he replies. "My God will save me." The waters

begin to rise and spread across the street and the fire department offers to carry him out.

"No thank you," he replies. "My God will save me." The water continues to rise and young man rowing a boat sees him in the window and calls out to help him. "No thank you," he replies. "My God will save me."

This flood is worse than the one in Minden and the old man is forced out onto his

roof. An army helicopter drops a bucket down for him but the old, pious man again refuses the help. The night comes, the stormy weather worsens and the man slips away. When he opens his eyes he shockingly finds himself in heaven.

"What?!" he demands of the angels. "What am I doing here? Where is God? I have always followed the laws, given, and received, everything that's been asked of me." He finds his Maker and asks: "God, why did you let me down?" And God shakes his head and replies: "Let you down? Are you kidding me? I sent you a warning on the radio, had two of your neighbours, the fire department and the SWAT team come by and still you refused help. What more did you expect?"

One of the things I've learned on the White Trail is that signs are everywhere, so if I need help, I just have to look around for it. I don't fully know who or where they come from, but I do know when I relax my shoulders, release my jaw and slow my breathing, somehow a "popcorn trail" appears. A sprouting acorn will remind me about patience and renewal, a baby bird will remind me of our vulnerability and

need to help each other out, and a pink elephant will make me laugh and lighten my mood. Sometimes it feels like Mother Nature herself is nurturing me, and if I just open myself to receive help and encouragement it's always there.

I began giving Nature a way to communicate with me through *Animal-Speak*, Ted Andrew's book on animal totems. He writes about the meaning of animals, birds and insects from his Native tradition and tells what it means if they show up in your life. That book was a good education for my imagination because it hadn't occurred to me this kind of intimacy was available. In the beginning I referred to it every time I saw a rabbit, deer or turtle, but now I put myself in neutral, as R.D. Lawrence used to say, and ask the animal, flower or bug, etc., if it has a story for me. Sometimes a word or idea comes and other times it's just a feeling like appreciation or encouragement. I don't limit myself to communications only from nature either. If I need help in making a decision I'll "happen" to turn on the radio and gets guidance from the lyrics of the song playing, or I'll overhear a conversation in the checkout line at the store, or I'll see

an actual sign in a gift store with a phrase that speaks to the challenge.

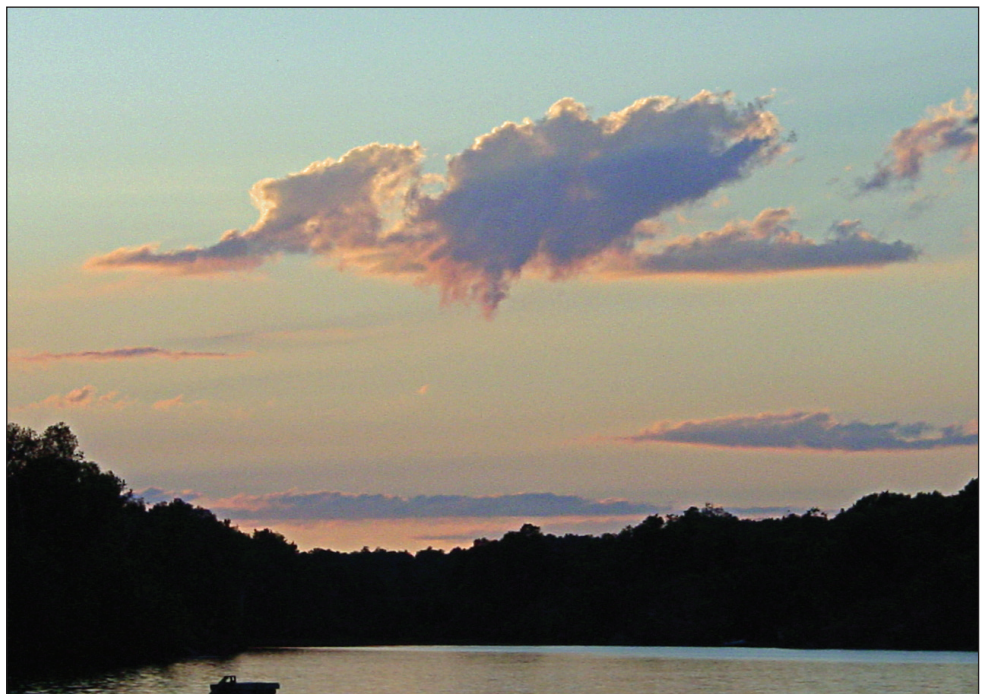
I know this sounds odd, but all the great literature informs us that we are all One. The way I try to make sense of this is to think of the world as a person and the organs and systems as different groups in the animal kingdom all with different function vital to the whole. If something goes out of balance, one of the systems or organs will step up its job to return the body to homeostasis. So, just as all the organisms in the body know what they need to regain health, so too do all the organisms on earth intuitively know how to help each other so we can all live in harmony. Maybe this is what synchronicity is about.

There really are so many signs around us. Sometimes they point to our heart's desire, sometimes they whisper an answer, and sometimes in asking us "What more do you expect?" they remind us to just get on with things!

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A sprouting acorn reminds us of patience and renewal.



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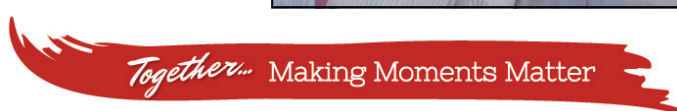
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MHCC leftover for new council

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ing. Many were repeat/annual visitors to the county, and many became paying members, some new property owners.

At that time, the sustainable building offered presentations and hour-long tours and talks daily, which were enthusiastically received by school groups from outside the county: Girl Guides, Scouts, visiting senior groups, friendship groups, photographers, naturalists, writers, artisans, and tourists from

Japan, Europe, North and South America, the British Isles, Africa, Australia, the Scandinavian countries and more.

Can the Minden Hills Cultural Centre be revitalized? How can past members, volunteers extraordinaire and the public be enticed to return? Tough questions and one of the unsavory issues for the next Minden Hills council to deliberate.

Sharon Lawrence
Minden

League dedicates tournament to Jim O'Neill

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

He was and always will be Jimmy.
Jimmy O'Neill, the Eagle Lake resident with a passion for anything baseball and hockey, was always known as simply, Jimmy.

He died suddenly at his home on Wednesday, Sept. 3 with his family by his side.

O'Neill, 37, might be gone, but won't be forgotten by those he touched.

The Minden Mixed Lob Ball League (where he and his partner of 16 years Kim Henry played for years) is coming together with cards and donations for the family, which will be presented at the end-of-year league playoff tournament on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the diamonds behind the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden. Initially this gesture was an effort for O'Neill while he was alive.

League convener Tammy Smith was saddened when she heard of his death, but is going forward with the plan and will dedicate the tournament's day to the memory of O'Neill for his family and for all of the friends who will miss him.

Instead of "thinking of you" cards with messages for the family the cards will be filled with memories shared. "One day it will hopefully make the family smile thinking of their great father and friend," she wrote in an email. The public is welcome to attend and add their own memories to a card for non-team players.

"He was the true deal, kind, honest even if it meant something was wrong and needed fixed. He would be honest and tell you," she said. This honesty earned him a lot of respect.

"Usually when someone passes everyone says how great that person was, but with Jimmy people said that about him standing right beside you," she said. "That was what he was to everyone."

She adds any child between 10 and 18 would have a funny anecdote to share.

Her husband and co-convener of the league Craig called



Darren Lum Staff

The Minden Mixed Lob Ball League is remembering Jimmy O'Neill, who passed away last week after a battle with cancer.

O'Neill "one of a kind" and "always smiling."

Craig knew O'Neill for years, whether it was playing in the league or coaching.

His dedication to sport and, most importantly, to children was evident through his many coaching efforts.

The two coached the Minden Mosquitoes atom team in the ORSA (Ontario Rural Softball Association) fastball league, including a hardball peewee team out of Bobcaygeon three years ago.

O'Neill also organized a Tuesday night pick-up league for children the last two years in Haliburton, he adds.

The Smiths remember how O'Neill led a team in winning the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship in 2009-2010.

O'Neill had been battling Burkitt's lymphoma, a form of cancer, since October 2013.

Their kids are Shyanna Smith, 18, they have Carter, 14, Jacob, 12, and Mikayla, 10.

Donations may be made to a trust fund for O'Neill's children and can be arranged through the Gord Monk Funeral Home at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com or contact them 705-286-2181.

New tool for OPP

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police have a new tool to assist them with traffic safety. The OPP's latest piece of equipment is called the Automatic Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) and is part of a program that assists in the detection of suspended or unlicensed drivers as well as stolen vehicles. The ALPR consists of a fully marked OPP cruiser with multiple external cameras mounted to it that automatically scan and check vehicle licence plates. When a positive indication is returned it will notify the officer.

On Monday, Sept. 1 at approximately 2:30 p.m. an officer was operating the ALPR cruiser on Highway 118 near Loon Lake in the Municipality of Dysart et al. The officer received a "positive hit" on a vehicle that passed him. The officer stopped the vehicle and determined the male driver was currently suspended. A 32-year-old man from Amherstburg was charged with drive under suspension and is scheduled to appear in provincial offences court in Minden on Nov. 11.

On Thursday, Sept. 4, at approximately 10 p.m. an officer was operating the ALPR cruiser on County Road 503 in the Township of Minden Hills. The officer received a "positive hit" on a vehicle traveling behind him. The officer stopped the vehicle on Mark Twain Road. After further investigation, the driver of the vehicle was charged with drive motor vehicle no licence, use plates not authorized for vehicle, operate a motor vehicle no insurance, impaired driving, operating a vehicle with over 80 mgs, possession of contraband cigarettes.

A 54-year-old from Highlands East is scheduled to appear in the Ontario court of justice in Minden on Nov. 5.

The ALPR cruiser is currently rotating throughout OPP Central Region detachments.

Win cash with septic survey

If you use a septic system at your house or cottage, Green Communities Canada wants to hear from you. By filling out a quick and easy 15 minute online survey, you can enter to win \$500 towards septic system upgrades, effluent filter installation, maintenance or repairs. The survey can be found at www.tinyurl.com/septicsurvey until September 30.

There is a glaring lack of data about septic system users across Ontario. To fill this gap, Green Communities Canada is conducting this survey to learn about the types of systems in the province, how they are used, maintained, repaired, and replaced, and how people make decisions about their systems.

Most people don't want to think about where the water goes when they flush the toilet. In cities and towns it is carried away to a municipal sewage treatment plant, where it is managed by trained professionals. But for the 1.2 million households in Ontario that use septic systems, wastewater is treated onsite and remains a personal responsibility.

Properly functioning systems are often invisible: out of sight, out of mind. However, failing systems can cause bacterial contamination of wells, and algae blooms in nearby lakes. They can cost well over ten thousand dollars to replace.

Septic system construction is regulated under the build-

ing code, but maintenance, including pumping and inspection, is up to the homeowner. Some regions have mandatory septic inspections every five years by the municipality or conservation authority, and some have grants to help property owners conduct necessary repairs and upgrades, but these are variable across the province.

How old is your septic system? Have you ever had it inspected or pumped out? Do you feel confident that you understand how the system works? How do you know when it's time to maintain your system? These are some of the questions you'll be asked.

Survey results will be kept anonymous and used to inform the development of a future program which will engage rural homeowners in septic system maintenance, upgrades, and repairs in order to protect their drinking water, property values, and the environment.

Please share with your neighbours, family and friends who use septic systems. The survey will be open only until Sept. 30.

The survey, the first of its kind ever conducted across Ontario, is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs.

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Positive outlook turns golden



Minden golfer takes first place at summer games, a record for the area

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Minden's Jere Pike has a winning appreciation for life that has turned into a golden achievement at the Ontario 55+ Summer Games from Aug. 9 to 11 in Windsor/Amhurstburg.

With a combined two-day score of 144 in the Callaway Golf event, Pike won his first provincial gold medal and his second medal ever in three trips to the Ontario games.

Pike had a net score of 72 on each day of competition, beating out second place Cameron Clarke by three strokes. The field included 21 competitors in the Callaway category – a “unique system” when handicaps are determined in each round by deducting the worst holes from the gross score during the first 16 holes.

Pike, a golfer for more than 50 years, was honoured and humbled to represent District 11 (Haliburton County and



Darren Lum Staff

Minden's Jere Pike, who recently returned from the Ontario 55+ Summer Games in Windsor/Amhurstburg with a gold medal in callaway golf, said appreciation for the simple things goes a long way for success in sport and in life.



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area, including Gravenhurst) and perform, winning the area's first ever gold in Callaway Golf.

The most important thing for him wasn't the achievement, but his approach.

“I appreciate the game of golf today much more than I ever have because I wake up in the morning and I'm on the right side of the grass,” he said, at Pinestone's golf course. “And then to walk around this beautiful golf course here for example is such a privilege that we take for granted.”

When he has a bad day at the golf course he remembers to keep things in perspective.

“I just shake that off and look at to the sky and say hey there is always somebody worse off that can't play this game and here you are complaining about one hole you goofed up on,” he said. “It's so stupid. Put it in perspective. It's for the love of the game.”

Not the type to boast, Pike didn't really tell anyone about his medal. It wasn't until the *Echo* recently published his name with other medal winners from the Ontario +55 Summer Games that people find out. His medal is hanging up in his living room.

In 10 years he has competed in three Ontario +55 Summer Games, all Callaway Golf events. His first medal was won in the Callaway Golf event silver in 2008 in St. Catharines.

Although the Minden resident didn't earn a berth to compete at the upcoming Ontario 55+ Winter Games hosted by Haliburton County this coming February, Pike is excited to be volunteering for the curling event.

He adds, it's important that he gives back to help the people who make his games experience possible. See the games website ontario-55pluswintergames.com for more information or email myke@ontariogamesprogram.com or call 705-457-5087. In two weeks the games organizers will make an



I come out here for the love of the game and the enjoyment, companionship

— Jere Pike

announcement about available volunteer roles.

The Ontario Senior Games Association and volunteers such as District 11 games coordinator Doug McIntosh deserve credit for organizing and making these events possible, he adds. He encourages the public to volunteer.

“If I can help then that's what I like to do,” he said. “I saw what the games down in Windsor [was like and] the success of them is [because] of all the volunteers.”

Pike, who earned a berth to the upcoming Canada +55 Summer Games in Brampton in two years, plans on competing. His future expectations aren't motivated by any medal, but for the passion for golf, as he brought to the provincial games.

“I come out here for the love of the game and the enjoyment, companionship. Sure, you like to play the best you can. If it doesn't happen it doesn't happen,” he said. “I must admit when it does happen and you have good game ... two good games it's really nice.”



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Football season is off to a start

The Red Hawks senior football team's offensive unit watches coach Tim Davies during a practice in the first week of school back from summer holidays on Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton.

Photos by Darren Lum



The junior Red Hawks football team run through drills to build up their stamina and cardiovascular during the first week of school back from summer holidays on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton.



Red Hawks first-year senior Kyle Laverigne readies to catch a ball during a drill in the first week of school back from summer holidays.



The Red Hawks senior football player Ben Davis warms up before a practice in the first week of school on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. There's a strong turnout for both teams.

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Field hockey pre-season

Red Hawks field hockey team works on skills during a practice in the first week of school back from summer holidays on Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The season for the Varsity A and B teams will start later this month.

Darren Lum Staff



Red Hawks field hockey player Maggie Scheffee strikes the ball during a practice.



Red Hawks field hockey Varsity A players Kenndal Marsden, left, forces her goalkeeper Sydney Cameron to make a save during a practice in the first week of school back from summer holidays on Thursday, Sept. 4 in Haliburton.



Red Hawks field hockey players Emily Klose, left, challenges Erin Little during a practice in the first week of school back from summer holidays on Thursday, Sept. 4 in Haliburton.

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Checkered floors and chrome accents bring signature 1950s style to a new Minden eatery.

New diner brings vintage vibe

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter



A diner doesn't have to be a greasy spoon.

— *Manager Wayne Bolger*

Bee-boppers will be able to go for a post-sock-hop burger and shake at a new Minden restaurant that has nostalgia on the menu. The South Algonquin 50s Diner, located in the Heritage Plaza along Highway 35 in Minden, will open its doors soon.

"It's all fresh ingredients, from scratch," says manager Wayne Bolger, tucked into one of the joint's leathery booths. "A diner doesn't have to be a greasy spoon."

There'll be roast turkey "right off the bone," roast beef and on weekends, prime rib.

This alongside more standard diner staples like all-day breakfast.

There will be nightly and weekly specials. The space, previously home to the Anything Goes Eatery, has been gutted and renovated, from the washrooms to the din-

ing area, which is decked out in 1950s-style checkered floors and chrome stools.

"Minden's happening," says owner Jason Lake. "We want to bring something new to the community."

"We're looking forward to being here," Bolger says. "We feel the community has a real life to it. We feel the area is ready for this kind of establishment."

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Jason Lake, left, and Wayne Bolger of the South Algonquin 50s Diner take a seat in one of the restaurant's booths. Located in Minden's Heritage Plaza, the diner will open shortly.

False calls jeopardize others

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unit of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment released information that they were looking into several incidents that began on Aug. 3, 2013, continuing until May 16, 2014.

During that time the OPP responded to six separate 911 calls, each involving an unknown man reporting bomb threats or weapons throughout Haliburton County.

Each call was investigated and found to be untrue, according to the OPP.

"There never was [someone with a gun], but we still had to respond, even if we thought it was the same person [making the prank calls]," Potter told the paper. "It certainly utilized all our resources and prevented us from responding elsewhere if we had to ... and the outcome could have been severe for someone else."

The accused was scheduled for a bail hearing in Lindsay on Sept. 8.

Potter was unable to report on whether or not the accused was released on bail.

With files from Chad Ingram

2015 Winter Guide

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New group helps those dealing with loss

➤ Journey Through Grief offers confidential support

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

When Sue Maxwell lost her husband two years ago it was an extremely difficult time in her life.

A volunteer with SIRCH, Maxwell learned of a new group aimed at helping those dealing with grief.

This past spring SIRCH hosted an inaugural bereavement support group to help those who had experienced loss, with Maxwell being one of eight participating.

"I went in not knowing what to expect," said Maxwell. "There's a bit of fear going in ... I was amazed at how quickly I did feel comfortable."

Participants were given booklets to help prepare them for the experience. Many of the meetings involved sharing, listening and learning, said Maxwell.

Respect was an integral part of the support group, as was trust, laughter and camaraderie.

"I think it's trusting your own feelings first ... and you can share them," said Maxwell. "Nobody is saying anything but

listening, because they're sharing also."

By the end participants were feeling a sense of progress, saying things like "I don't feel so alone now, I feel more positive about my life," said Maxwell.

There was also a renewed sense of belonging, which can be lost during a time of grief.

"A big part of this group is being able to share the memory of that person and those memories help keep that person alive," said Maxwell.

"One of the things you realize during this process is that your life will change ... and you have control over those changes. It's guiding you through that change."

The group initiative is something new for Haliburton County, said program coordinator Marilyn Rydberg.

Facilitated by volunteers, The Journey Through Grief offers a confidential and gentle method in dealing with the emotions that come following the loss of a loved one.

The same program is used by Hospice Peterborough, which helped train SIRCH volunteers, said Rydberg.

"It's a proven method," she said. "They [Hospice Peterborough] have been using it for 20 years."

Over a span of 10 weeks, the program aims to help people reach a new level of wholeness and health, said Rydberg.

"It's about dealing with the new normal," she said.

"The facilitators are there to provide support, but most of the support comes from each other. Grief is a lonely journey when you're by yourself."

The program consists of three levels, with Level 1 being offered this fall and again next spring, along with Level 2.

It is suggested that those wishing to join the program do so after four to six months have passed since the loss of a loved one.

"We often find before that it's too early," said Rydberg. "It can be too early but it's never too late ... it could be years later, but you're still dealing with that grief."

In the future SIRCH will be seeking funding to be able to continue offering group bereavement support.

"It's something we want to be able to continue on an ongoing basis," said Rydberg.

In addition to the group, SIRCH is in the process of putting together a one-hour grief workshop.

The support group is open to all ages and is free.

While organizers know grief is a difficult topic to broach, they are hoping everyone who participates walks away with only positive experiences.

"You know it's going to be tough, but you're willing to walk yourself through that journey and hoping at the other end it's going to feel better," said Rydberg.

The Journey Through Grief (Level 1) will be starting on Sept. 17, running until Nov. 19. The meetings will be held at the Haliburton Highlands Museum from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

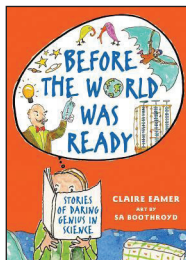
For more information or to register contact Rydberg by emailing marilyn_rydberg@sirch.on.ca or by calling 705-457-1742 ext. 30.



HCPL's Junior Book of the Month

Before the World Was Ready: Stories of Daring Genius in Science

by Claire Eamer



Wash your hands to prevent getting the flu, the Earth revolves around the Sun, poisons we throw out can affect the entire ecosystem. While these are common knowledge today, at one time these ideas were rejected. People have not always been ready to listen to revolutionary ideas.

Shortlisted for the Lane Anderson Award, which recognizes excellence in Canadian science writing, *Before the World Was Ready: Stories of Daring Genius in Science* by Claire Eamer details the hardship some of our scientific heroes endured while introducing the world to their world-shaking ideas. Charles Babbage and Ada Lovelace nearly invented the computer in the 1800s; Ignaz Semmelweis tried in vain to convince hospitals to use disinfection methods; Charles Darwin delayed publishing on natural selection for decades for fear of controversy; Rachel Carson sounded the first alarm about the effects of pesticides on wildlife and was met with fierce criticism.

Before the World Was Ready is enlivened by colourful and witty illustrations as it brings to life the stories of these great minds who dared to think differently, and encourages young readers to look out for, and even become, the next great thinker.

Before the World Was Ready: Stories of Daring Genius in Science by Claire Eamer is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Get your tickets for the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library's Lunch n' Learn featuring an all exclusive tour of Ecuador presented by Greg Roe. Sept. 24 at noon at the Community Room, 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton. Contact Brenda for tickets at 705-457-2695. Tickets are available until Sept. 22.

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Schools receive funds for parent engagement

Fourteen schools in Trillium Lakelands District School Board will be receiving funding from the Ministry of Education to enhance or initiate parent engagement projects.

Schools could receive up to \$1,000 for submissions that demonstrated a strong and direct link between parents and their child's education.

Almost all schools received full funding for their applications.

"We know that there is a strong relationship between parent engagement and how successful a child is in school," stated director of education, Larry Hope, "Many of these projects offer opportunities for parents to be engaged with their child both at home and at their school."

Schools from all areas of the school board – Muskoka, Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes – are included in the list of successful applicants providing a total of \$13,575 for these inspiring projects.

"We are pleased that our parent school councils have this opportunity to develop new and inspirational ideas on how to get more parents involved at their school," said school board chairwoman, Louise Clodd.

"Everything that we do to involve parents increases the opportunities for success for both our students and our school as a whole."

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Interested applicants are encouraged to also apply for both positions if interested.

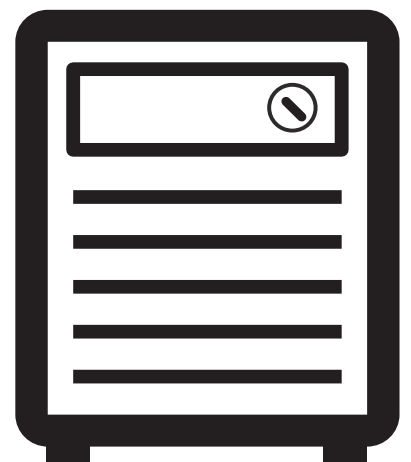
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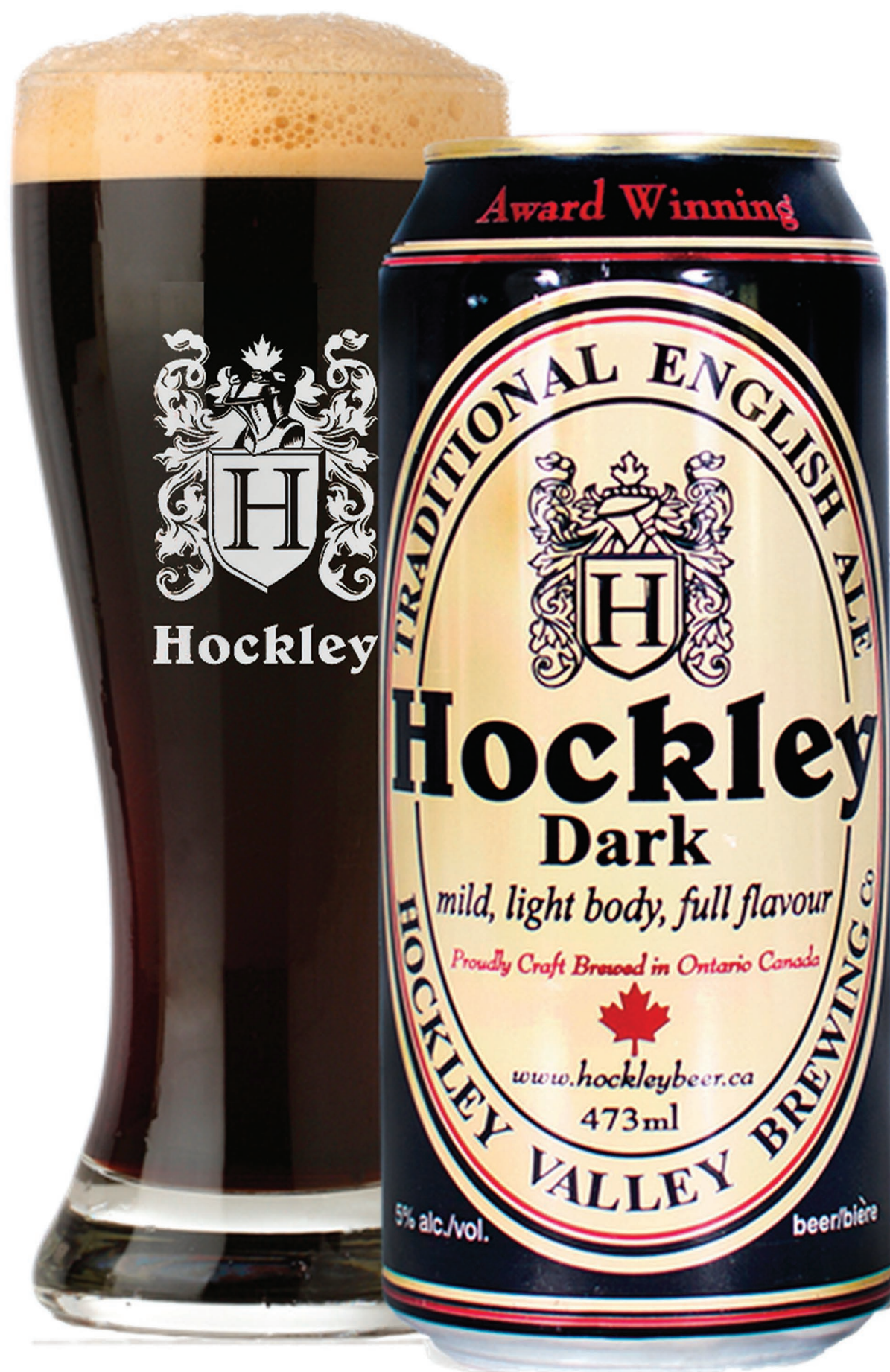


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Minden Terry Fox Run this weekend

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Mindenites will lace up their sneakers for the 21st annual Minden Terry Fox Run this weekend.

Registration for the event, which raises money for the Terry Fox Foundation, will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14.

The official start for the 10-kilometre run/walk down Deep Bay Road is at 9:30 a.m.

Participants need not have registered in advance.

"Just show up," said organizer Diane Peacock. "There are sponsor sheets or just make a personal donation."

Organizer Diane Peacock is ready for the 21st annual Minden Terry Fox Run this Sunday, Sept. 14. Pre-registration is not necessary for the event and all community members are invited to bring a lawn chair and take in the entertainment.

Chad Ingram
Staff



Donations can also be made by visiting www.terryfox.org and searching for Minden.

Donors will receive an automatic receipt.

Starting at 10 a.m. there will be barbecue, as well as musical entertainment courtesy of the Maclay Experience.

A silent auction in memory of Dawson Hamilton will feature, among many items, an autographed shirt from Colorado Avalanche star Matt Duchene and a signed game stick

from fellow hometown hockey hero Cody Hodgson.

For more information, call Peacock at 705-286-4914 or email mindenterryfoxrun@interhop.net.

Peacock points out that the foundation spends 84 cents of every dollar on cancer research.

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Juno winner to entertain at festival

On the Friday of the Hike Haliburton Festival, lovers of singer-songwriters will have an opportunity to see and hear one of the best. James Keelaghan has been called "Canada's finest singer-songwriter" and the Haliburton County Folk Society is proud to present him in concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. This concert has just been made more special. James will be joined by his long-time touring partner, David Woodhead, the multi-instrumentalist and virtuoso bass player.

In the more than 10 years since his last performance in Haliburton, Keelaghan has garnered international acclaim for his songwriting and performances, and has taken the main stage at some of the most prestigious festivals in the U.S., England, Australia, Denmark and Hong Kong. At home in Canada, he's a Juno-award winner (and three-time Juno nominee) who's grown from a popular coffeehouse act in Calgary to a festival and concert hall favourite.

He is known for strong acoustic guitar arrangements that support his finely crafted songs, delivered with a textured baritone described as a mix of Gordon Lightfoot and Roger Whittaker.

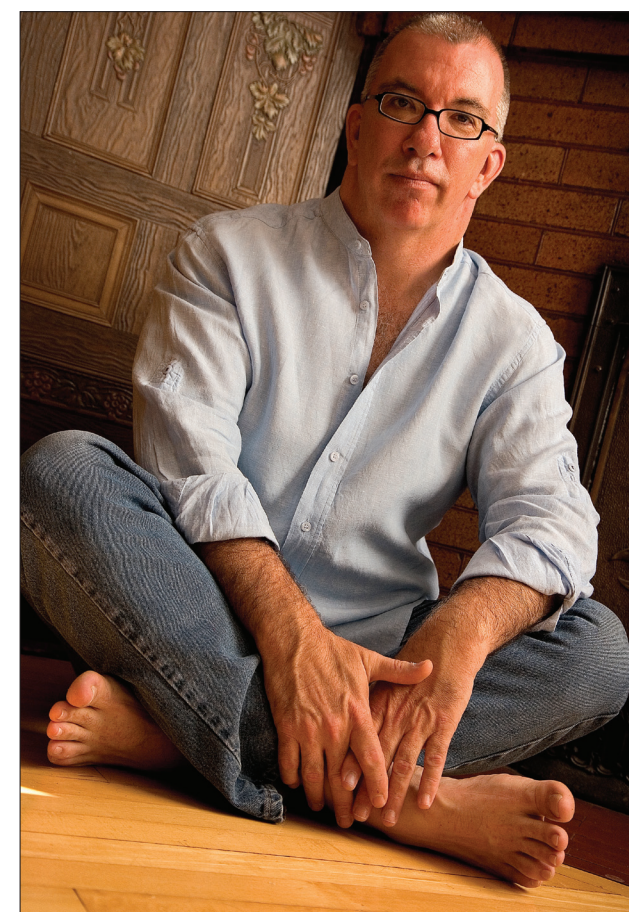
Many of his songs have their roots in historical events, big and small, with an emphasis on exposing social injustice and political issues.

One of his best known songs, Kiri's Piano, centres on the life of a Japanese Canadian woman who played her piano in an internment camp during the Second World War. Cold Missouri Waters is about the lone survivor of a forest-fire-fighting crew at the Man Gulch fire in 1949. Fires of Calais relates the fictional account of a participant rescuing British soldiers across the English Channel in the retreat from Dunkirk.

His latest recording, House of Cards, has been described as a fine collection "that is a perfect example of the art of modern folk music." The songs come out of a songwriters' retreat at the Celtic Colours Festival in Nova Scotia.

"I was at the Celtic Colors Festival in 2008 and the producers locked six of us in a house for a week, and the company included Dave Gunning, David Francey, Karine Polwart and Rose Cousins. It was an amazing experience. We had to come up with enough material for a show at the end of it ... to go along with a lifelong accumulation of influences, there have been these opportunities to work with equals, whether if be Oliver Schroer, Hugh McMillan or Oscar Lopez. The sparks of collaboration, batting melodies back and forth, whatever, have produced some wonderful results."

David Francey has said, "He writes with great humanity and honesty, with an eye to the past and a vision of the future. He has chronicled his times with powerful and abid-



ing songs, with heart and eyes wide open."

You can learn more about Keelaghan and sample his music at keelaghan.com.

Don't miss this opportunity to sample the art of James Keelaghan, Friday, Sept. 19 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets are available at the Photoshop in Haliburton, The Organic Times in Minden and online at madeinhaliburton.ca.

There is still time to purchase five concerts for the price of four with a season's pass to the Musicmakers concert series that includes Keelaghan, Harry Manx, David Francey. For details see <http://madeinhaliburton.ca>.

Submitted

Remembering June Hunter

Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse another week has too quickly passed. Granddaughter Emma's film *It Was You Charlie* was released on DVD and a second viewing gave me the opportunity to see and interpret so much more of this haunting, dark yet comedic Canadian film written and directed by Emmanuel Shirinian. Grandson Austin's reports of his early days at Centennial College are enthusiastic and he with his journalism classmates will be covering this weekend's Terry Fox Run in Toronto. The next assignment will be a very different race that for mayor of Toronto. Enough said. Best line however came from 10-year-old grandson Ben. After reporting on school, his hockey starting and softball finishing there was silence. Then in response to my question about anything else to tell grandma the small voice added "I lost my right shoe in a cornfield". I am still smiling at this image.

Burnt River has lost one of its most valued residents with the passing of Mrs. June Hunter in her 79th year. June served as postmistress there for 44 years and also acted as the town librarian. She organized many events at the Community Centre including the annual Robbie Burns Night and the impressive art fair. A very active member and supporter of the Burnt River United Church June provided leadership to the life and ministry of the Church from her earlier involvement in the Women's Institute, the choir and through to more recent years with the VIBE summer day camp. Speaking with her friend Hazel McInnis my favourite quote was that "she loved to sing". She will be warmly remembered for her gifts.

The regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the Lions Hall, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the speaker at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Elwood Jones of the Trent Valley Archives in Peterborough. Mr. Jones is the

Archivist at Trent Valley Archives, professor emeritus of History at Trent University, and a Saturday columnist for the *Peterborough Examiner*. He will talk about some of the collections at the archives. Mr. Jones is also editor of the *Heritage Gazette* of the Trent Valley and will share some of the stories that have Haliburton County connections as well as comment on the Anglican Church experience in the area. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. Refreshments are available. For more information contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

The Friends of the Kinmount Library will hold its monthly Book Sale on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Branch. These sales on the third Saturday of each month raise funds for children's programs, special events and the outdoor Reading Garden. Donations of good used books are welcome (no magazines or texts please) and bargains await the reader. For information on the programs offered please call the branch at 705-488-3199.

There were 128 entries in the 2014 summer draw at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. Congratulations go to the winners Shirley Shirley, Jennifer Reus-Baughman, Meredith Hume, Jan Higenbottam, Gwen Scott, Pat Bradley and Megan Owens along with sincere appreciation to the members of the Artisans Guild who donated prizes.

Speaking of the marketplace, all across Canada communities both large and small will be celebrating Canada Cultural Days the last weekend in September. Please drop by the Marketplace on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and meet some of the members of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild who will be demonstrating traditional arts and crafts including spinning and rug hooking. . . While enroute visit the Kinmount Farmers' Market open that day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Tourist Information Centre in the historic Railway Station. View the Mill and plan to picnic in the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park with many food choices available in Town.

The signs of fall are appearing fast enough so let's hope the good people of Calgary keep their snow!

Until next week . . .

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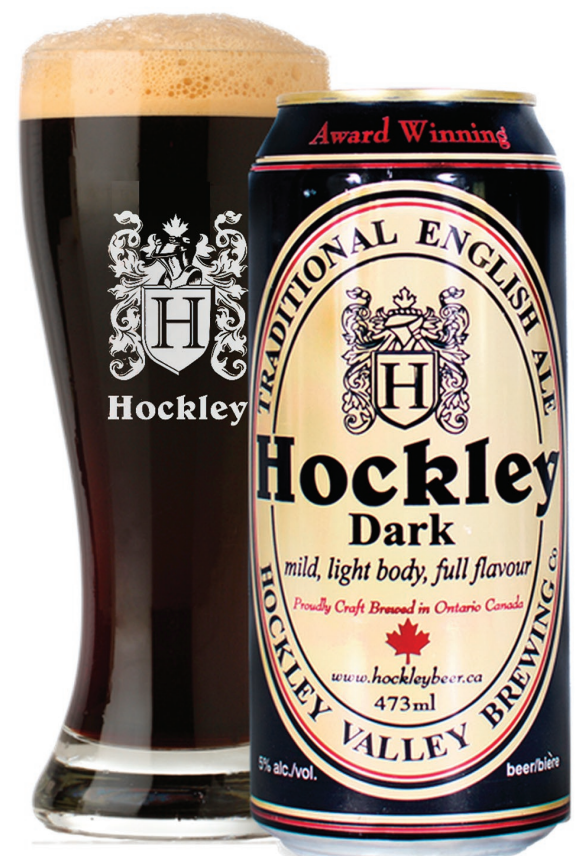
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The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636 Minden held their monthly general meeting on Sept. 3. Attending that meeting was District Commander Greg Kobold. One of his many roles is to make presentations. We are very happy to report that Comrade Al Mayo has been given a life membership. Comrade Al has been a member of the Minden Legion since its inception! His role now is Veterans Services Officer and he does an outstanding job of supporting the vets in our community. Congratulations, Al!

Legion Week is coming up next week, Sept. 15 to 20. Branch 636 will be celebrating this week in many ways. Why not come in for a visit? Members of the executive will be available to answer your questions. Our membership chair-

person will be in on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Our early bird drive has started where memberships are only \$45 until Nov. 30.

On Sept. 16 the Minden Legion is hosting a golf tournament at the Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes nine holes of golf with a power cart and a barbecue dinner back at the Minden Legion Clubroom.

This year our insurance company, Programmed Insurance Company, has offered a fabulous trip for two to Las Vegas for a hole in one! We only have a few spots left so call early to get in on the fun.

Saturday, Sept. 20 is our Decoration Day at the Minden Cemetery. The service starts at 2 p.m. and the purpose of this service is to honour our deceased veterans. Refreshments will be served back at the Legion following the service.

September marks the 75 anniversary of the beginning of

the Second World War. We need to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the rest of us.

We are also currently holding a draw for a handmade quilt, a baby quilt and an heirloom afghan. Tickets are available at the Legion.

Branch 636 is always looking for volunteers to assist in many areas. If you could offer your services for as little as four hours a month, we could sure use your help. Please call the branch at 705-286-4541. All members of the public are always welcome to come into the Minden Legion.

Our wonderful volunteers make lunch Monday to Friday and of course our famous beer-battered fish and chips are available on Fridays from 12 to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. Our NFL Sundays have started. The clubroom is open from 12 to 5 p.m.

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by Patti Fleury

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County card scores

September 2 contract bridge at Stanhope: Top marks went to Vange Croucher 6,200, Willie Cox 5,210, Nel Van der Grient 5,180 and Ross Pawson 5,110 with Steven Zeller awarded the Lucky Loonie.

Sept. 2 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The high scoring trio members were Gail Flook with an impressive 6,860, Heather Harrington 5,640 and Linda Taylor 4,010. Nancy Bantyne also advises that Jan Heaven returned from her summer break to assist new players and those working to improve their play.

Sept. 2 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 284, our reporter Betty Wagar 279, Clare Obdam 264 and Phyllis Windsor 263. First for the gents at 263 was Bob Pollard followed by Kevin Maloney 258, Dorothy McElwain 252 and Howard Smith 249. Sharron Atkinson won the major draw with George Bull, Betty Wagar and Vi Howell claiming the smaller prizes. Eight moonshots rained down on Howard Smith, Marcy Morgan, Pearl Cowen, Pauline Franzen. Kevin Maloney, Vi Howell, Tom Grix and Betty Wagar.

Sept. 3 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies 62 percent, Judy Neimann and Carol McCord 58 percent and Vange Croucher partnered with our bridge reporter Margo Davidson 57 percent. Over in East/West the chart toppers were Dorothy Kinsman and Elaine Burbidge 59 percent, Alek and Irena Zworski 58 percent and Mary Johnson partnered with Heather Lindsay 53 percent.

Sept. 3 bid euchre at Stanhope: Top marks for the white cards went to Colin Miller 287, David Lamb 286 and Jason Peacock 268 while pink honours were claimed by Marion Farr 339, Jean Scadden 322 and our reporter Linda Lambert 254. In the moonshot column Colin Miller [2], Jean Scadden, Jean Dutka and Jack Cox took the prizes.

Sept. 4 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that leading the ladies was Clare Obdam 297 then Karin Harrington 280, Jean Scadden 266 and Jean Clarke 265. First for the gents at 336 was Marcel Roussel followed by Karen Chapman 293, Archie Ross 265 and Howard Smith 252. Yette Ezard won for call 1, Vi Howell held the hidden score and the card draw went to Dwaine Lloyd. Winning in the moonshot column were Jean Scadden, Jean Clarke, Pat Norman and Barb Callaghan.

Sept. 4 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Pat McInnis and Tom Orr with Bev Johnson and Warren Hueson posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to our reporter May Bradbury and Steven Bale while Pat McInnis, Penny Catanho, Murray Daniels, Warren Hueson and Bev Johnson took home the other prizes.

Sept. 5 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South leaders were Vange Croucher and Tom Davidson 58 percent, Jean Collins and Margo Davidson 54 percent and Muriel McIntosh teamed with Ross Davies 52 percent. First in North/South at 65 percent were Fran and Norm Smith then Bonnie and Dave Dickson 60 percent and Willie and Jack Cox 58 percent.

Sept. 5 bid euchre at Club 35: Garth Windsor reports that at 264 Al McMullen took top marks for the gents followed by Bud Pipher 245 and Merv Elstone 226. Leading ladies were Marion Farr 254, Marg Oetelaar 243 and Mary Lou Dealy 224 with Dorene Elstone holding the hidden score.

Sept. 6 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: With my apologies to Bev Johnson who faithfully called in the scores on behalf of Albert Foster I have gone through my file but to no avail. I will blame their disappearance by supposing that the dog ate my homework. Sorry Bev. Should that paper resurface I will include them in next week's column.

Sept. 8 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the Pink Team Tom Grix led at 291 then Dorothy McElwain 279 and Pauline Franzen 246. Our interim reporter Marcy Morgan took top marks at 308 followed by Gala Newell 293 and Vic Ballik 215 with Pauline Franzen winning the draw and Tom Grix taking the only two moonshots.

Sept. 8 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Tim Sharpe reports that the lone hand holders were Yvonne Arbuthnot and Don Blakey with the high scores posted by the birthday lady Margaret Fletcher and Bert Pink. The afternoon's low went to Annah Buxcey while Lorna Hicks won the special prize and along with Bert Pink was paid a visit by the skunk.

Sept. 8 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Murray Daniels, for lone hands Joan Meadows, for low hands Jean Randell and for the special prize Pearl Cowen. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this news.

Sept. 8 euchre at Club 35: Recording the high scores were Loretta Lamb and Clara Miscio with Linda Voycey and Peter Farr taking the evening's lows. Garth Windsor also reports that Marion Farr claimed the baloney.

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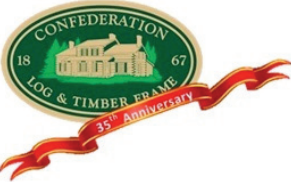
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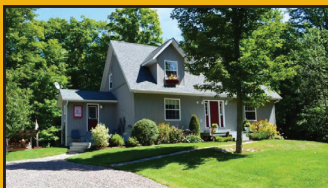
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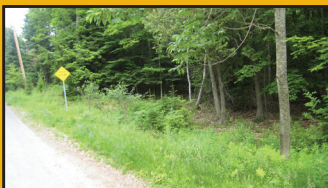
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 - Level building lot surrounded by trees
 - Half acre within walking distance to all amenities
 - Hydro at roadside
- Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



One of a kind View of Kennisis Lake \$559,000

- Sand beach, priv, level, open view, lg dock
 - 3 bdrms + guest Bunkie, full lower level, W/O
 - Fireplace, 2 wood stoves, main level laundry
 - Bar, family room, great entertaining areas
- Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932



Perfect Starter or Retirement Home

- 133 Ft Rd Frontage on 2.5 acres
 - Approx. 1,330 sq ft, 2 Bdrms, 1.5 baths
 - Propane Fridge, Stove, Dishwasher w/ Workshop
 - Private Backyard between Minden & Haliburton
- Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



This Home Will Surprise You!

- 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, immaculate
 - New windows, flooring and appliances
 - Garage with loft, short walk to all services
 - Offered at \$159,000 Call Tom for more details!
- Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



Halls Lake \$499,000

- 2500 sq ft 3+1 bdrm year round 2 storey home
 - Gorgeous lake view & 160 ft of deep water
 - Separate garage with attached bunkie
 - Meticulous and neat as a pin
- Lee Gauthier 489-9968



Beautiful Little Hawk Lake \$199,000

- One of the original water access cottages
 - Rustic hand hewn cottage; West exposure
 - Spectacular deck with amazing views
 - Typical Algonquin-style lot; mature hemlocks
- Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



5 Lake Chain \$299,000

- 3 bdrm 4 season A frame
 - Easy access, level lot, big lake view
 - Western exposure, completely furnished
 - Adjacent ctge is also available
- Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



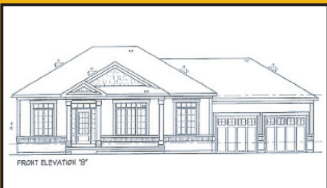
Gooderham Lake \$379,900

- Historic, well-kept family cottage
 - 4-season log home plus large bunkie
 - Deep clean shoreline
 - Easy year round access
- Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



Pristine Little Hawk Lake \$249,900

- 235 ft. frontage with western exposure
 - Deep, clean, weed-free waterfront
 - Older 3 BR cottage perfect for a handyman
 - Affordable opportunity on a sought after lake
- Valerie Kulla 286-2138



Brand New Home \$225,900

- 2 Bedroom / 2 bath w full basement
 - 9 foot ceilings, double car garage
 - A wide choice of finishings
 - Lovely neighbourhood; full Tarion warranty
- Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Beautiful Kushog Lake \$329,000

- 198 feet waterfront
 - Big lake view, 21/2 bath
 - Complete kitchen, you build
 - Modern semi finished for a 3 bed residence
- David Lee 286-2138 x 27



South of Minden \$119,900

- Well maintained home in quiet community
 - Newly shingled roof in 2012, bright kitchen
 - 3 bdrms, laundry room, woodstove, office
 - Loads of space, private yard
- Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Wilberforce Area \$59,000

- 1000 sq foot house in need of repair.
 - Selling AS IS condition
 - Lovely 8.8 acre parcel w/stream
 - Well established trail system - ideal for 4-Wheel exploration
- Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



Minden Cty Rd 21 \$165,000

- 2 bdrm. raised brick bung., hardwood flrs,
 - Sep. dining & fam. rms, screened porch
 - New uninstalled windows will stay for buyer
 - Shed, lots of parking, yr. rnd. rd., convenient.
- Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



Area Of Fine Homes \$549,900

- 175ft NW Exp. - Miles of Boating on Boshkung
 - Great Home for Entertaining - 3000 sq ft of Living Space
 - XLarge Garage with a Fantastic 750 sq ft Loft Above
 - Beautifully Landscaped .69 acre Lot with Circular Driveway
- Margie Prestwich 306-0491



Drag Lake \$1,049,000

- Just over 2 acres on prestigious Drag Lake
 - 468' frontage with coveted western exp.
 - Big lake view; tremendous privacy; sand beach
 - 3 bed, 2 bath log home with detached garage
- Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Canning Lake \$699,000

- 157 feet frontage, sunset exposure
 - Natural lot, majestic trees
 - Amazing 4 bedroom, 2/12 bath cottage
 - Huge lake view, Algonquin style lot
- Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Highway 35 Lots

- Two prime building lots north of Minden
 - Easy access from highway; driveways in
 - \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres;
 - HST in addition. Commercial use possible
- Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



South Lake \$329,000

- Year Round 3 Bdrm/2 Bath Cottage
 - Northwest Exposure
 - Full Walk-Out Basement
 - Oversized Garage for the Toys
- Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



Boshkung Lake, \$649,000

- Year round ctge/home on Echo Bay
 - 151' of hard sand beach, with rock outcrops
 - 3 bdrms, brick FP, custom kitchen, whirlpool tub
 - West exp. and excellent privacy
- Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Loon Lake \$329,000

- 4 season, 3 bdrm open concept cottage
 - 1000+ sq. ft. of living space
 - Private level lot with wade-in sand shoreline
 - Renovated bath, screened room, laminate flrs.
- Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



Five Lake Chain \$899,000

- Magnificent custom built home or cottage
 - 3 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, stunning granite fireplace
 - Full walkout lower level, great lot, super view
 - Double and single car garages
- Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Stormy Lake \$349,900

- Lrg 4-season, 4 BR cottage; 2 garages & bunkie
 - Private lot; SW facing, child-friendly shoreline
 - Quiet part of the lake across from Crown Land
 - Stone Fireplace, laundry, drilled well, metal roof
- Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



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